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Kinship Services***

***Homeless  
Continuum of Care***

***Transportation  
Coalition***

***Funding Partners***

***Youth in Transition***

***Mental Health  
Awareness***

***Substance Abuse***

***Basic Needs***

***In partnership with:***

***The Leadership  
Council on Aging***

***Great Start  
Livingston***



# ***2012 Annual Report to the Community***



***“Ensuring a System of  
Support  
for Members of Our  
Community”***

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## Message from the Chair

On behalf of the members of the Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body (HSCB), I am very pleased to share our 2012 Annual Report to the Community. Each year I feel that the just completed year was both more exciting and more exhausting than the previous year, -2012 was no different. 2012 was challenging for us as we sought to keep pace with increased demand for many services, yet was rewarding as we saw our collaborative activities successfully respond to many of these same challenges. This Annual Report, along with the 2012 honorees, highlight significant examples of collaboration in our human service community. This collaboration has resulted in decreased duplication, strengthened service delivery and the leveraging of time, talent and treasure. 2012 also provided numerous opportunities to network beyond the human service community, with local business, law enforcement and other sectors. Tremendous creativity continues to be a hallmark of our successful working relationships. On behalf of the officers and other HSCB members, we are proud to be able to contribute to the life and health of Livingston County. If you are not a part of our work groups, we encourage you to join. Please contact Lindsay Beaudry at lbeaudry@cmhliv.org or 517-586-2039 for additional information.

-Mark T. Robinson

## HSCB Mission

***“Ensuring a system of support for members of our community”***

## HSCB Values

- We believe the needs of children, adults, and families drive our planning and services.
- We believe that collaboration means shared stewardship of community resources for the common good of Livingston County.
- We believe that collaboration requires broad community representation.
- We believe the HSCB is responsible for developing continuums of service from prevention to treatment.
- We believe the HSCB should ensure that community members needing services from multiple agencies receive services as efficiently and effectively as possible by creating systems of care.
- We believe that the HSCB should provide a caring community for Livingston County residents by supporting each other's work.

## What is the Purpose of the Human Services Collaborative Body?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a “Community Collaborative” by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members who work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

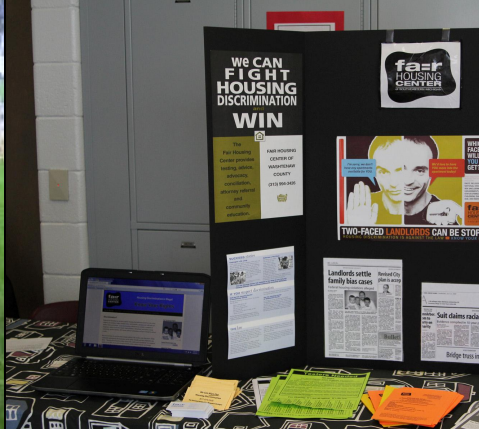
The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and nonprofit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn more about the work of the HSCB, contact Lindsay Beaudry at 517-586-2039 or lbeaudry@cmhliv.org.

Network of the HSCB & Affiliated Collaborative Groups	Role within the Community
Basic Needs Workgroup	Works to address the most fundamental needs of individuals.
Community Needs Assessment & Evaluation Committee	Assesses health and human service needs in Livingston County & assists in the evaluation of collaborative projects
Foster, Adoption, and Kinship Services (FAKS)	Works to increase the number of local foster homes & provides supports for foster parents & children
Funding Partners	Monitors collaborative projects in Livingston County
Youth in Transition (YIT)	Coordinates services for youth transitioning into adulthood.
Substance Abuse - Treatment	Provides education & training on substance abuse information and trends in Livingston County
Substance Abuse - Prevention (LCCA)	Focuses on substance abuse prevention in the county
Transportation Coalition	Collaborates to identify and address transportation concerns in Livingston County
Homeless Continuum of Care	Advocating and supporting homelessness prevention in Livingston County
Mental Health Awareness Committee	Developed a suicide prevention plan for Livingston County
Leadership Council on Aging- Affiliate Collaborative	Implementing the Livingston County Senior Needs Assessment recommendations
Great Start Livingston- Affiliate Collaborative	Implementing Livingston County Great Start Plan











## HSCB Priority Areas

*The HSCB and its workgroups coordinated around making improvements in seven major areas within the health and human service areas in 2012. These areas included:*

- Substance use (prevention, awareness and treatment)
- Older adults and seniors
- Violence (reduction of violence & increased awareness & prevention)
- Basic needs (meeting the basic needs of life in the community)
- Early childhood (ages 0-5)+
- Job loss
- Wellness (health promotion)

*This report highlights some of the successes achieved by the Livingston community in the above listed areas and some of the innovative and collaborative ways the health and human services continue to address challenges together.*

### Childhood

*Livingston County has many collaborative projects that support children, specifically early childhood, children with special needs, and children moving on to adulthood. The emphasis Livingston puts on safety and security of children can be seen in the work of Great Start, HSCB Workgroups, as well as in other efforts around the community.*

- The Foster, Adoptive, Kinship Services workgroup hosted a summer picnic, parent appreciation dinner and holiday party to thank and support foster and adoptive parents in Livingston County drawing over 200 people.
- Youth in Transition retired their workgroup, but not before hosting a public transportation based tour of Livingston resources for youth turning 18 and sponsoring several Meet and Greet events for local professionals to learn about services for youth.
- Great Start Collaborative developed new tools for parents and coordinated a single assessment that can be used across all early childhood programs to assess for kindergarten readiness, addressing psychosocial as well as numbers and letters.
- Family Partner and Wraparound, two services Community Mental Health acts as fiduciary for, served a record number of children and families with complex needs, resulting in better safety for the community, and better outcomes for the family.

### Violence Reduction

*Violence has a tremendous impact on the local, state and federal economy. Livingston County continues to see a rise in the number of substantiated abuse and neglect petitions, an increased number of nights being utilized at the local domestic violence and homeless and run-away youth shelters, and new demonstrations of violence in society every day.*

- Over twenty trauma informed assessments were performed by a multidisciplinary team of local professionals (occupational therapists, speech & language pathologists, social workers, etc.), a huge cost saver for the community.
- Mental Health Awareness Workgroup provided outreach in schools targeting bully prevention on and off of line.
- Livingston County has developed trainings and resources to make organizational staff as well as the community both trauma and domestic violence informed, meaning there is a more detailed understanding and knowledge base about the implications and insight into the behaviors, reactions and needs of individuals with DV or trauma histories.

### Wellness & Health Promotion

*HSCB workgroups, along with the local allied collaboratives, have been busy finding new and innovative ways to reach out to the community to promote health and wellness activities. In 2012 wellness & health promotion took shape in a variety of ways:*

- Mental Health Wellness Workgroup presented tips for staying mentally well and recognizing the warning signs of suicide to nearly every middle schooler in Livingston County.
- Community gardens were established under the Livingston County Hunger Council resulting in over 16,500 pounds of community grown produce being distributed to pantries, at local events, through local organizations in their lobbies, and was taken to home bound seniors.
- Several local senior centers joined up to bring Enhanced Fitness, an evidence based program, at low cost (sponsored by AAA1-B grant) to older adults who want to stay active.
- Community members were invited to Run Against Drugs in a 5K race that got residents moving while raising money to boost community awareness about substance use and abuse. The Livingston County Community Alliance (LCCA) used proceeds to offer mini-grants to local youth sponsored groups that take action against substance abuse and promote being substance free.

### Job Loss

*While Livingston County's unemployment rate has started to recover and more "HELP WANTED" signs are starting to appear in windows around the community, the health and human services continue to play a critical role in returning Livingston to its former glory.*

- Michigan Works! hosted its annual Job Fair in April attracting hundreds of jobseekers to meet with countless employers- special time was made available for veterans to come and meet with employers.
- The Transportation Coalition threw its full support behind the LETS grant application to replace and repair the busses currently used by LETS. This grant was one of the largest awarded in Michigan and will benefit job seekers as well as other community members.
- Livingston County partners came together to wrap employability assets around young adults with Autism during the summer to ensure they have lifelong skills that will make them a success in the job market- this program inspired a PBS special program.

## Providing for Basic Needs

*Much of the work done in the health and human services center around meeting the basic needs of individuals who are struggling to get their needs met. In 2012, Livingston found new partners, new ways to streamline service and built on existing resources to coordinate more with each other. Some examples include:*

- Livingston increased the number of paid, highly trained Resource Navigators (RN) (by utilizing AmeriCorps members) that were available to travel around the community to assist individuals review their eligibility and sign up for mainstream benefit services. RN assisted in the lobby of DHS, in the community at events like Community Connect and at the local community action agency, OLHSA.
- Local faith based organizations organized donation drives that yielded thousands of pounds of personal care items such as toilet paper, shampoo, diapers, tooth brushes, etc- all collected to make sure individuals and families had the items they needed to feel prepared for the day ahead of them and cared for by their community.
- Community Connect hosted over 1,500 guests, volunteers and vendors in 2012, providing everything from family photos to legal consultations to individuals in a one stop shop format.
- Summer Connect for Kids prompted a record number of service providers to join along side the LESA Backpack Give Away to provide books, helmets, car seat checks, sno-cones, socks and more to families with children.
- The Transportation Coalition partnered with Michigan Prisoner Reentry to establish a bike donation program that connected returning citizens with gently used bikes from the transit authorities of the surrounding region allowing for reliable and cost effective transportation options for individuals with driving restrictions.

**For every \$1 donated to the HSCB Basic Needs Committee, OVER \$6 in community value was leveraged!!!**

## Substance Use

*Livingston substance abuse prevention and treatment organizations and groups were busy finding new ways to combat substance use while promoting protective practices that help keep the community safe.*

- The Livingston County Community Alliance (LCCA) became a "destination" for other communities looking to develop their own Red Barrel campaign.
- Livingston County united to drive K2 and other synthetic drugs off of the shelves of gas stations and smoke shops. Partners from the Livingston County Prevention Project, LCCA, the Department of Public Health, Community Mental Health, law enforcement, the HSCB Substance Abuse Treatment workgroup, business leaders, the community and the media came together to prevent future tragedy by bringing their strengths to the table and stomping out this societal menace, making Livingston one of the earliest communities to pass a local ban.
- Prevention advocates in Livingston County arranged trainings about how to get parents talking with their teens, etc and what to look for when assessing for substance use. Countless community members came to hear nationally known speakers and experts share their stories and tips.
- Livingston County substance abuse prevention and treatment partners conducted in-services and trainings locally to keep the skills and knowledge of key community members like school professionals and treatment providers up to date on the most cutting edge research and information about substances- both traditional and emerging. Hundreds attended and received ongoing education credits towards keeping their credentials up to date.
- The Recovery Oriented System of Care model being used by Livingston County served more clients that ever before.

